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(c) Except the assistant now in charge of the station who is a graduate in Zoology, others who held charge possessed no academical qualification but considerable experience and ability sufficient to carry on experiments under the direction of the Director.

(d) The expenditure incurred every year is recorded in the administration report of the department. Details of recurring and non-recurring expenditure are not available with Government but the building, plant, laboratory, etc., were valued in 1932 at Rs. 39,120.

Experiments with drier carried on at the Tanur Research Station.

* 839 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether experiments with the drier are being carried on at the Tanur Research Station;

(b) whether the Research Assistant in charge of the experiment is qualified for the purpose;

(c) whether it is a fact that the experiment with the drier was conducted by Sir F. Nicholson;

(d) whether the defect observed by Sir F. Nicholson has been remedied; and

(e) whether the Government will be pleased to call for the observations recorded by the present Director of Fisheries and place them on the table of the House?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes, under the orders of the Director of Fisheries.

(c) Yes.

(d) From paragraph 63 of the administration report for 1932–33 it will be observed that the experiments have attained some success.

(e) The Director's observation are contained in paragraphs 61–63 of the latest administration report.

Imposition of the condition of financial guarantee in respect of fish-curing yards.

* 840 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) the number of fish-curing yards closed on the West Coast as a measure of retrenchment;

(b) whether the Government insist on fishermen giving financial guarantee in the case of Baikampadi and Nattika yards;

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(c) whether the principle of financial guarantee is imposed in respect of all yards including those on the East Coast; and

(d) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table of the House a statement showing the extent of operations and the cost of running the yards both on the West and East Coasts?

A.—(*a*) Nine.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The principle is imposed in the case of new and temporary yards.

(*d*) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the Administration Report of the Department of Fisheries for 1932–33, pages 20–27 and 72.

Proposal to open a Fisheries Training School at Tuticorin.

* 841 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of new schools opened by the Fisheries Department during 1933–34;

(*b*) the number of teachers trained in the Fisheries Training Institute appointed in the new schools and also the additional teachers appointed for the existing schools;

(*c*) the number of teachers who have passed out of the Training Institute who are still unemployed;

(*d*) whether it is proposed to admit more pupil teachers for training during 1934–35;

(*e*) whether the Government hope to provide employment to all trained teachers either in the existing schools or proposed new schools;

(*f*) whether the Government have at any time considered the proposal to confine training in fisheries only in the Training Institute;

(*g*) whether stipends are paid to pupil teachers undergoing training even though there is no prospect of their immediate employment;

(*h*) whether the Director of Public Instruction has ever been consulted on the necessity for the continuance of the Training Institute as it is run at present;

(*i*) whether the Government have under consideration a proposal to open another Training Institute at Tuticorin; and

(*j*) whether there are schools maintained by the Fisheries Department on the East Coast?

A.—(*a*) Two.

(*b*) Information is not available.

(*c*) From the information available it appears that there are 20 such teachers.